Architectural / Historical Inventory
Fitchburg

Area Survey Form D Main Street Area

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Area D Form 400

1-5 Lunenburg Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	400

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 1-5 Lunenburg Street

Name Moran Block

Present use Commercial/Residential (apts.)

Present owner Herman S. Cofman

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number VI

3. Description:

Date 1908

Source p. 57 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

Style

Architect H.M. Francis & Sons (?)

Exterior wall fabric Granite

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less ____ Over one acre 8,194 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 115' on Lunenburg St. 120' on Summer St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' from both streets

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building usually dominates one end of Main St. Its granite facing is very attractive The buildings add to the urban character of Main St.

The first occupant was N.M. Batchelder, a well known grocer.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 57 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

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Area D Form 401

64 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	401

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 64 Main St.

Name Fitchburg Machine Company

Present use Commercial

Present owner Fitchburg Plumbing Supply Co.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VI

3. Description:

Date c. 1866

Source p. 64, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

Style Greek Revival

Architect Possibly Sylvanus Sawyer

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Smoke stack

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 25,998 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 194' on Main St.
177' on Hayden Passway
142' on Sawyer Passway

Approximate distance of building from street

0' on all three streets

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) Sylvanus Sawyer

Original use Manufacture of ordnance

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Fitchburg Machine Works

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building was built by Sylvanus Sawyer for the manufacture of ordnance, but with the close of the war left empty and Fitchburg Machine Works rented the building. This was a national business which manufactured lathes, planners, drills, shapers, etc .

This building has a strength of design and setting which has seldom been surpassed in Fitchburg. Its protions, details, and brickwork are excellent. The west end has unfortunately been poorly remodeled.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Area D Form 402

14 Willow Street, 21 Myrtle Avenue

FORM B - BUILDING

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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	402

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 14 Willow St., 21 Myrtle Ave.

Name C.H. Brown Co.

Present use Industry

Present owner Standard Proxoloid Corp. and Fitchburg Pattern Model Co.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VI, VI

3. Description:

Date 1873

Source p. 71 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

Style Mansard Industrial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) This includes 2 separate buildings

Other features Smoke stack

Altered Date

Moved Yes Date After 1901

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 188' on Willow St. 25' on Myrtle Ave.

Approximate distance of building from street 0' on Willow St. 70' on Myrtle Ave.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

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D-402

7. Original owner (if known) C.H. Brown

Original use C.H. Brown and Co. Works

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building is architectually significant due to its quality of design. It is an excellent example of a mansard style mill. The Fitchburg Pattern Model Co. is one of the most attractive buildings in the City. All the buildings were part of the C.H. Brown and Co. Works and used to be located on Main St.

C.H. Brown (b. 1820) came to Fitchburg in 1849 and was connected with John and Salmon Putnam. The first steam engine built in Fitchburg was constructed after his design in 1850. In 1863 he commenced manufacturing on his own account in Newton.

In 1866 moved to the block occupied by Fitchburg Machine Works. In 1871 he perfected and invented the "Brown Automatic Cut-Off Engine" which won world wide reputation. The factory on Willow Street was first occupied in 1875. Fifty to sixty men were employed.

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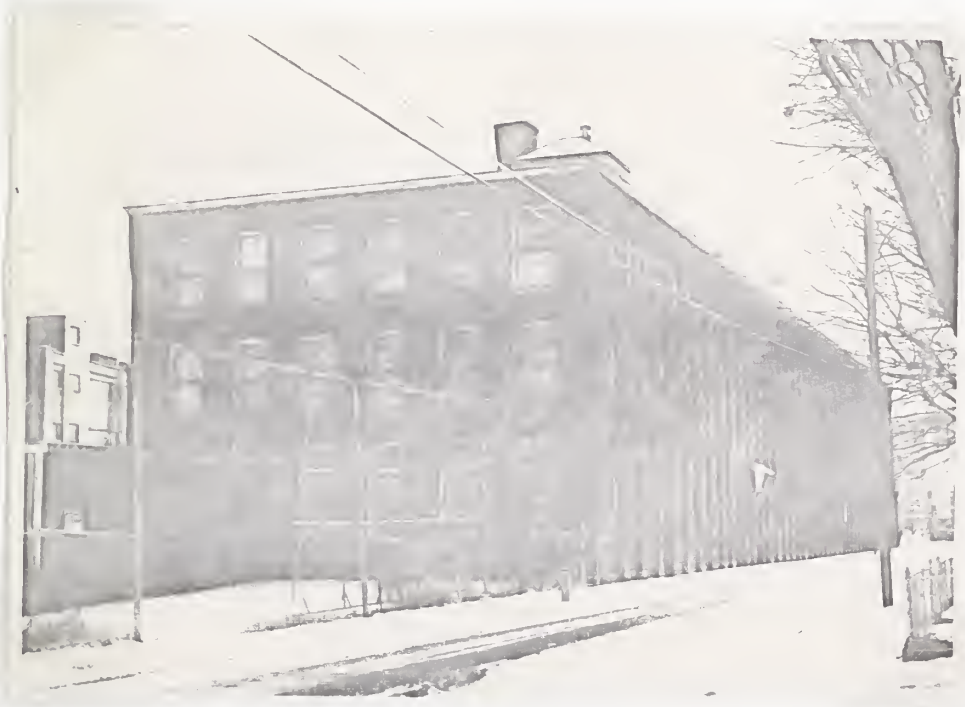
Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 403

55 North Street



FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	403

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address 55 North Street

Name Simonds Saw & Steel (original)

Present use Vacant

Present owner Great American Chemical Corp.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XV, XV,

3. Description:

Date 1905

Source Date on Building

Style Turn-of-century industrial

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Part one-story.
Part 3 stories with basement

Altered Some alteration Date

Moved No Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ____ Over one acre 2.99 ac

Approximate frontage 820' North st.
126' Green St.
92' Willow St. 138' Willow St.

Approximate distance of building from street
0' North St.
350' Green St.
60' Willow St.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Planning Office

Date December 1976

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7. Original owner (if known) Simonds Saw and Steel

Original use Manufacture of saws and cutting blades

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Celluplastics

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	X	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	X	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The buildings are a good example of turn-of-the century industrial buildings. Part is multi story and part one story. The buildings are substantial and imposing. The North St. facade is an extremely strong architectural expression. As one travels along North Street the building appears as a row of vertical brick columns. Not until one is looking straight at the building does one realize that it is mostly glass. When constructed every effort was made to make working conditions favorable including drinking fountains and a tennis court on company property.

Simonds Manufacturing Co. forerunner was started by Abel Simonds in Fitchburg in 1832. In 1868 it was incorporated as the Simonds Manufacturing Co. and moved to Main and North Streets. After 1880 branches were established world wide. The company was agressive in sales throughout the world. The company was known for the high quality of its products. It became one of the major industries of Fitchburg and remained locally owned until recently. During the 1930's the company moved to a new building in another part of the City.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Fitchburg Historical Society, 1971.

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 404

32 North Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	404

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 32 North St.

Name Belding Co.

Present use Industrial

Present owner W.F. Webb Plumbing and Heating (Robert E. Grover)

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XVI

3. Description.

Date 1892

Source Date on building

Style Industrial

Architect H.M. Francis (?)

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Smoke stack

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 13,432 sq. ft. Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 127' on North St. 121' on Cherry St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' from both streets

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) E.F. Belding

Original use Manufacture of shoes

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates C.W. Bennett & Co. in 1905

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is an attractive industrial building. It was built for E.F. Belding in 1892. In 1905, C.W. Bennett & Co., show manufacturers, took possession. In 1912 they produced 1500 pairs of shoes per day with 200 people employed.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 46 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 405

199 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	405

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 199 Main Street

Name Rollstone Congregational Church

Present use Church

Present owner Rollstone Congregational Church

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XVI

3. Description.

Date 1868-69

Source p. 68, Sentinel, 23 March 1912

Style High Victorian Gothic

Architect H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Chapel added, c. 1929 with Albert Francis as architect

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 18,359 sq. ft. Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100' on Main St. 156' on Snow St.

Approximate distance of building from street 25' from Main St. 6' from Snow St.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

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D-405

7. Original owner (if known) Rollstone Congregational Church

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social	
Communication		Military		humanitarian	
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was the first building in Fitchburg by the architect H.M. Francis who won a competition for its design. The building is of a high caliber of design and adds to the character of Main St.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 21, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894
p. 203, Fireside Legends

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 406

280-288 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	406

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 280-288 Main St.

Name The Park Building

Present use Commercial/Offices

Present owner Worcester North Savings Institution

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date c. 1900

Source p. 31, Fitchburg, Mass in 1901

Style Turn-of-the-century commercial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Interesting trim, first floor facade poorly altered

Altered Yes Date Unknown

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 6,399 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 138' on Main St. 150' on Boulder Dr.

Approximate distance of building from street 0' feet

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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MHC Photo no.

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D-406

7. Original owner (if known) Worcester North Savings Institution

Original use Same

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was built for the Worcester North Savings Institution which was founded in 1868 with Hon. Moses Wood its first president. This building has a very attractive design and adds greatly to the character of the Downtown. This building makes an attractive entrance to the Downtown.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 32 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 407

298 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	407

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 298 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial

Present owner Vincent L. Balair

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date c. 1890's

Source p. 33 Fitchburg, Mass in 1901

Style Renaissance Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Stone and Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 2170 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 26' from Main St. 26' from Boulder Dr.

Approximate distance of building from street
0 '

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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D-407

7. Original owner (if known) Fitchburg Trust Co.

Original use Bank

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was built for Fitchburg Trust Co. It is a very attractive block with eclectic trim.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 320 e. Fireside Legends
p. 33 Fitchburg, Mass in 1901

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 408

18 Blossom Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	408

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 18 Blossom St.

Name The Crescent Apts.

Present use Apartments

Present owner William P. Spanos TR
Crescent Realty

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XVI

3. Description:

Date c. 1920

Source Style

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick(stone, first floor)

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 4947 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 70' on Blossom St. 70' on Crescent St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' on both streets

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

D-403

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Apartments

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is one of few large apartment buildings in Fitchburg. Due to its height it is very noticable in the Downtown. This is on the site of a city school built in 1812 of brick at a cost of $90.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 22, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

Area D Form 409

332, 336, 340 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	409

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 332, 336, 340 Main St.

Name E.M. Dickinson Block

Present use Commercial/Orrices

Present owner Cushing-Dickinson Trust

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description

Date 1890

Source Date on Building

Style

Architect S. Edwin Tobey, 10 Tremont St. Boston, Mass.

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less ____ Over one acre 10,102 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 80' on Main St. 126' on Cushing St. 80' on Boulder Dr.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' on all streets

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

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D-469

7. Original owner (if known) E.M. Dickinson

Original use Commercial/Office

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

E.M. Dickinson came to Fitchburg in 1854. He was a successful businessman. This fine business structure on Main St., named after himself, as well as his large shoe manufacturing industry (N.W. corner of North and Main Sts., constructed in 1881) These are monuments of what he did for Fitchburg. In 1892 the Dickinson Block was one of the fine business blocks in the City. It was erected in 1890 of finished brick, 4 stories high plus basement. E.M. Dickinson was son of Charles Porter Dickinson, ran the E.M. Dickinson & Co. (shoes) and the Sole Leather Tip Co. In 1892 this was the largest manufacturer of sole leather tips in America. Both companies had a selling house at 83 Bedford St., Boston.

10. Bibliography and or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 2 Sentinel, 18 July 1890
p. 16, Sentinel, 18 June 1892

Area D Form 410

344 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House. Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	410

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 344 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial/Offices

Present owner Cushing-Dickinson, Trust

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date c. 1880

Source Style

Style Brick Panel Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Interesting brick work

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 10,102 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 80' on Main St. ~~80' on Boulder Dr.~~

Approximate distance of building from street
0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

D-41C

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Commercial/Offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The architecture is attractive and enhances the urban character of Main St.

10. Bibliography and or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 51, Sentinel, 23 March 1912

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 411

347-357 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	411

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 347-357 Main St.

Name Coggshall and Carpenter Block

Present use Commercial

Present owner G. Gardner Cook

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date 1877

Source Date on Building

Style Brick Panel Style, Victorian

Architect H.M. Francis, org. drawing owned by C. Kimball Francis

Exterior wall fabric Brick with granite trim

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Brick work, first floor facade poorly altered

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 4,469 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 64' on Main St. ~~64' on Crescent St.~~

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) Coggshall and Carpenter

Original use Commercial/Offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building has a very attractive facade designed by Henry M. Francis, and enhances the urban character of Main St. This building is an outstanding example of 1870's style commercial architecture.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Original drawings owned by C. Kimball Francis
p. 147, Fireside Legends

Area D Form 412

350-356 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	412

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 350-356 Main St.

Name Belding and Dickinson Block

Present use Commercial/Office

Present owner Anthony J. Alario

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number V 111

3. Description:

Date 1866

Source Date on Building

Style Victorian Commercial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Large cornice

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 4273 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 49' on Main St. 70' on Mill St.

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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MHC Photo no.

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D-412

7. Original owner (if known) Belding and E.M. Dickinson

Original use Same

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building was one of the first of a new style commercial building to be erected on Main St. Before this there were smaller gabled roofed buildings. This is a good example of an 1860's commercial building. There is some ornament around the windows and an attractive Victorian cornice.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 413

359-361 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	413

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number V/III

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 359-361 Main St.

Name Holgate Block

Present use Commercial

Present owner Hand B. Realty Crop.

3. Description:

Date Late 1870's

Source Style

Style c. 1880 Commercial, Victorian

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Part of top floor removed Date c. 1975

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 889 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 19' on Main St. ~~19' on Crescent St.~~

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building had one of the most creative and exubrant facades on Main St. until recently when the top of the facade was removed.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area D Form 414

387 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	414

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 387 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial/Offices

Present owner G. Gardner Cook

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date c. 1860

Source Style

Style

Architect Andrew Whitney (?)

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Trim above windows

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 35' on Main St. ~~35' on Crescent St.~~

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

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D-414

7. Original owner (if known) Andrew Whitney (?)

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building's rather plain but attractive brick facade adds to the character of Main St. This building's facade is similar to two others on Main St.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Area D Form 415

401 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	415

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 401 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial/Office

Present owner G. Gardner Cook

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date Facade c. 1920

Source Style

Style Plain Beaux Arts

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Limestone and brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features First floor facade poorly altered

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 50' on Main St.
50' on Crescent St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building has an attractive facade which adds to the urban character of Main St.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area D Form 416

405 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	416

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 405 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial/Residential

Present owner G. Gardner Cook

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date c. 1860

Source Style

Style

Architect Andrew Whitney (?)

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Similar to building at 387 Main St. and 706 Main St.

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 35' on Main St. 35' on Crescent St.

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

D-416

7. Original owner (if known) Andrew Whitney (?)

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building adds to the urban character of Main St.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area D Form 417

409 Main Street at Prichard and Crescent Streets

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	417

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 409 Main St. at Prichard and Crescent Sts.

Name

Present use Commercial

Present owner G. Gardner Cook

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date c. 1920

Source Style

Style Plain Beaux Arts

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Limestone, Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:
2.088 sq. ft.
One acre or less ____ Over one acre ____

Approximate frontage 14' on Main St. ~~60' on Prichard St.~~

Approximate distance of building from street
0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

D-417

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building is important visually to Main St. It is an attractive building of its period and fits its site well.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area D Form 418

470 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	418

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 470 Main St.

Name Safety Fund National Bank

Present use Bank and Offices

Present owner Safety Fund National Bank

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number V 111

3. Description:

Date 1895

Source American Arch. & Bldg. News, vol. 48, p. 91, June 1, 1895

Style Commercial, with Renaissance Details

Architect H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Yellow Brick and red stone, red brick sides and rear

Outbuildings (describe) None, except drive-up bank in rear

Other features First two floors of front facade have been poorly altered

Altered Yes Date c. 1960

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 42,462 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 108' on Main St. ~~108' on Boulder Dr.~~

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

D-418

7. Original owner (if known) Safety Fund National Bank

Original use Bank, stores, and offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building is one of the more important designs of the local architect, Henry M. Francis and was published in American Arch. and Bldg. News. The design is very attractive, however, was poorly altered on the first and second floor front facade.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

American Arch. & Bldg. News, vol.48, p. 9, pl.1014, June 1, 1895, illus.

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Area D Form 419

480 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	419

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 480 Main St.

Name ~~Culter~~ Cutler Block

Present use Commercial/Offices

Present owner Cushing Dickinson Trust

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number V111

3. Description:

Date 1895

Source Plans with C. Kimball Francis

Style Renaissance Revival

Architect H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Brick and Stone

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered 1st floor facade Date ?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 3,530 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 33' on Main St. 33' on Boulder Dr.

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

D-419

7. Original owner (if known) G.H. and T. ~~Culter~~ Cutler

Original use Commercial/Offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a Rennaissance style commercial building. The architecture is interesting and adds to the urban character of Main St. This was designed by Henry M. Francis.

10. Bibliography and or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 74, Fitchburg, Mass. in 1901
Plans with C. Kimball Francis

Area D Form 420

520 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	420

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 520 Main St.

Name Iver Johnson Block

Present use Commercial/Residential

Present owner David H. Nichols

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VIII

3. Description:

Date 1897-98

Source Booklet on the building owned by Norman St. Dennis

Style Renaissance Revival

Architect Barker and Nourse, Worcester

Exterior wall fabric Yellow Brick and stone with copper entablature

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 15,651 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 127' on Main St. 103' on Putnam St.

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

D-420

7. Original owner (if known) Iver Johnson ~~hiers~~ heirs

Original use Commercial, Office, Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is one of the largest buildings in downtown Fitchburg. It was a very elegant, turn-of-the-century building, built in memory of Iver Johnson, an important Fitchburg industrialist.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Brochure on building in collection of Norman St. Dennis, Prospect St., Fitchburg

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area D Form 421

655 Main Street

FORM E - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
D	421

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 655 Main St.

Name Fitchburg Gas and Elec. Light Co.

Present use Office

Present owner Fitchburg Gas and Elec. Light Co.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number

3. Description:

Date c. 1920's

Source Style

Style Neo-Classical (Beaux Arts)

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Limestone and yellow brick in rear

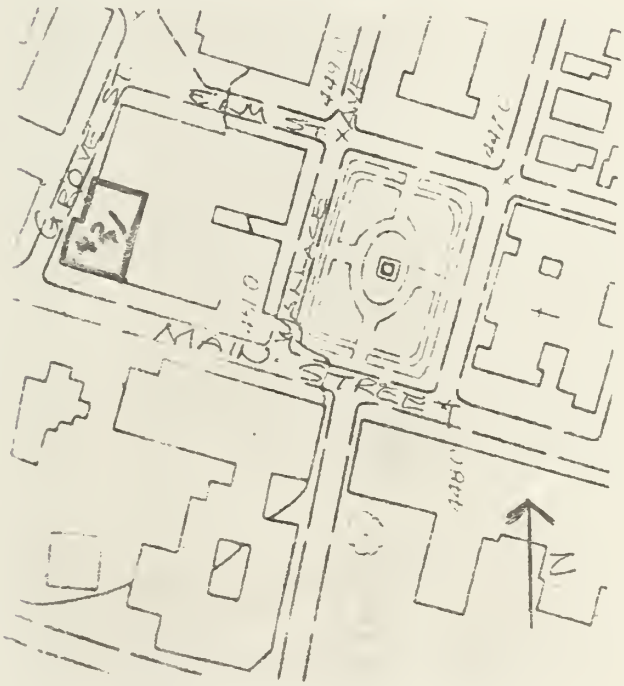
Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Balustrade on roof

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



5. Lot size:

One acre or less 5,627 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 63' on Main St. 98' on Grove St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' from both streets

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

D-421

7. Original owner (if known) Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Co.

Original use Offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is the best example of Neo-Classical architecture on Main St.

(B. Arts)

The building is built on the site of Dr. Palmers, 1849, octagon house.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)